

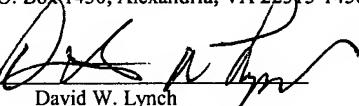


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STABILITY, IMPROVING BIASING AND REDUCING DAMAGE FROM  
ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE IN SELF-PINNED ABUTTED  
JUNCTION HEADS HAVING A FIRST SELF-PINNED LAYER  
EXTENDING UNDER THE HARD BIAS LAYERS

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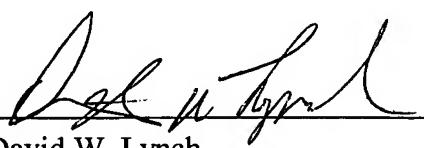
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